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2 December. Between 1100 and 1450, 5 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s individually took off, circled twice over the town and then landed. No additional air activity was observed.

3 December. At 1230, the field was occupied by about 60 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. The alert formation consisting of 4 aircraft was still parked on the auxiliary runway about 100 meters north of the intersection with the main runway. The other aircraft were parked in a close arrangement on the northern edge of the landing field. One Li-2 was parked in front of the flight control station. No air activity was observed.

4 December. Between 1030 and 1345, individual flights were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s.

5 and 6 December. No air activity was observed.

8 December. About noon, a MiG-15s or U-MiG-15 made a local flight.

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3. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed. 25X1  
at the field.

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5. The AA gun emplacement at the northern edge of Finow airfield was occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns. Three barracks for quartering purposes and a motor vehicle shed were seen west of the gun position at the edge of the wood. The AA unit was estimated at about 80 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. A Kniferest-type radar set was located about 50 meters northeast of the AA gun emplacement. 3 25X1

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7. Between 29 November and 3 December, the Finow estate was observed. No searchlight was seen. The previously reported 2 umbrella-type antennas were still on the roof of the barn. No additional radio installations were seen in or near the estate. The quartering buildings were entirely lighted at night. One Token-type radar set, 1 Fishnet-type set and a radio installation of several masts were observed in the radar station in the yard. The antennas of the radio installation could not be clearly seen because of the large distance. A new barracks about 20 meters long was in the depression just north of the Token-type set. 2

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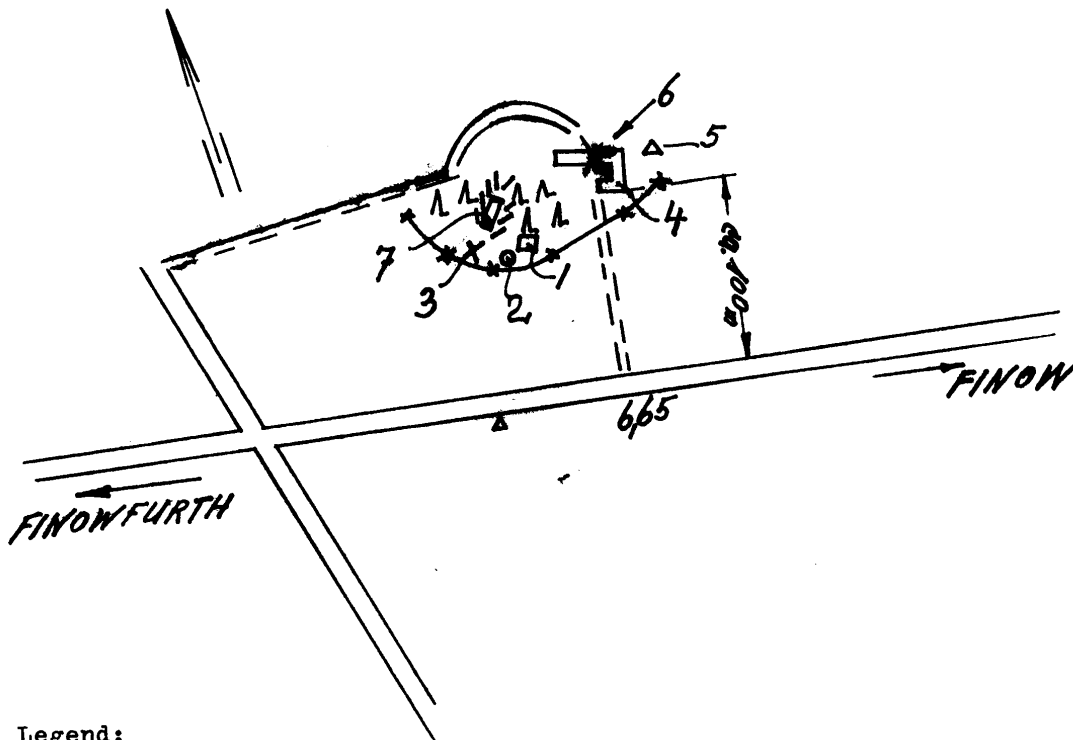
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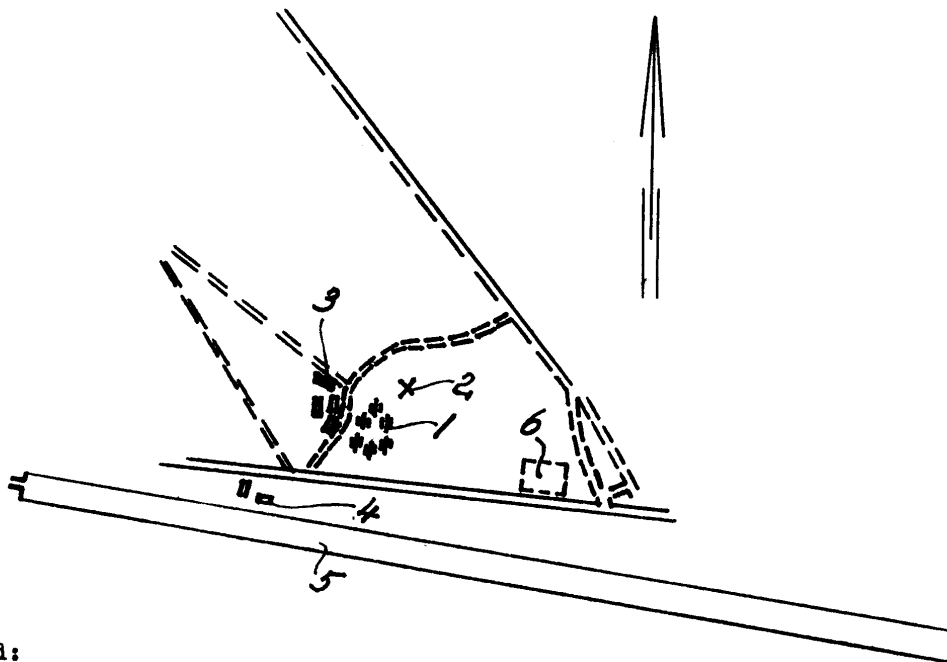
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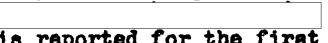

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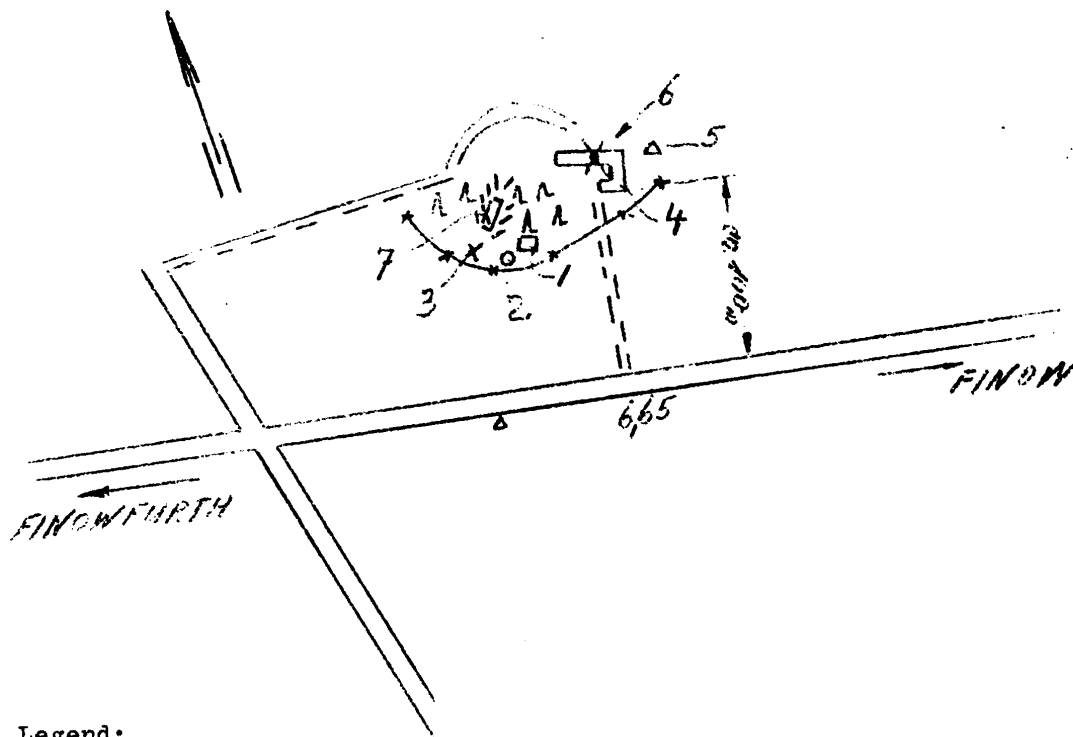
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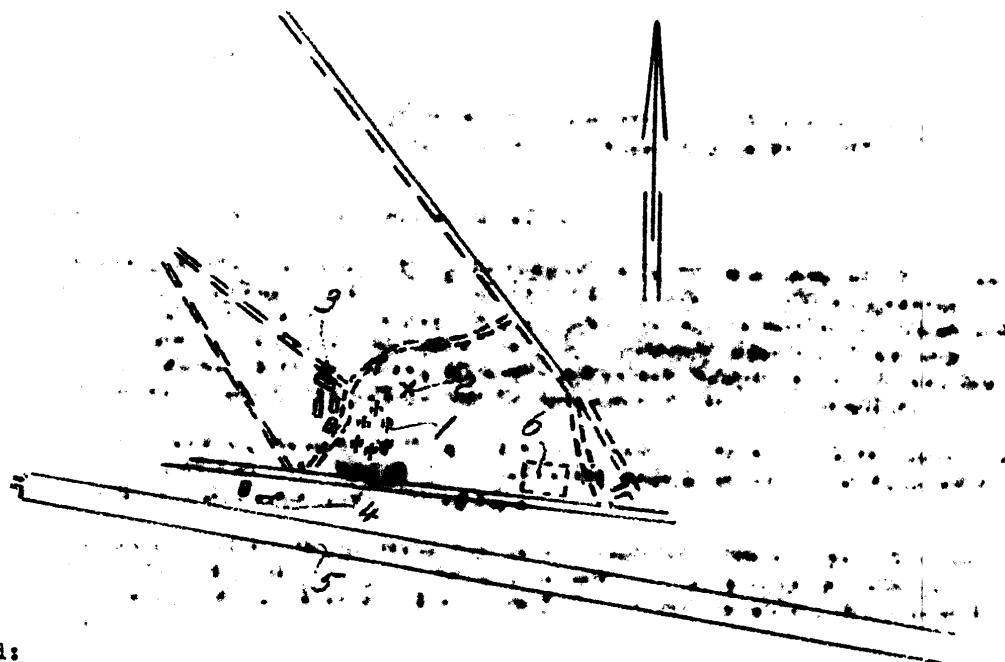
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